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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1636

FEDER ET AL.

Examiner: SULLIVAN, DANIEL M.

APPLICATION NO: 10/080,980

FILED: FEBRUARY 21, 2002

FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDE ENCODING A NOVEL HUMAN  
POTASSIUM CHANNEL BETA-SUBUNIT, K+betaM6,  
EXPRESSED HIGHLY IN THE SMALL INTESTINE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2002 (Paper No. 10) having a term that expired on February 18, 2003. A Petition for a one (1)-month Extension of Time to extend the time for response to the Official Action up to and including March 18, 2003, together with an authorization to charge the \$110.00 requisite extension fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880, is enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

I. Status of Claims

Claims 20-41 are pending and are under consideration in the present application. Claims 20 and 30-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled